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The following individuals have been identified as having considerable experience in presenting character education keynote workshops and seminars. They have offered their services to New Jersey Schools.

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Presentation: Character Development Group is proud to offer some of the most knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining speakers in character education. All of our presenters are experienced educators who have authored books on character education and will provide insight and a wealth of techniques to assist your school or organization in creating a climate of character.

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Presentation: Motivating and interactive presentation from a practitioner is designed for the administrators and teaching staff. Participants will learn background information, practical school-wide and classroom strategies, parent involvement and community connections for implementing and integrating character education in the daily operation of the school as well as into the existing curriculum.

The Miss America Organization

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Presentation: Miss America's important message represents the interest of the character development movement in America, while standing on behalf of fellow educators to draw attention to the critical role they play in the lives of the nations' youth. Also, she reaches out to students, encouraging them to open their minds and hearts to the messages of good character. In addition, she encourages parents to value their children by valuing their children's teacher and ask parents who can effect change in their communities to do so. Finally, she challenges education administrators, government officials, civic leaders, business people and other concerned individuals to transform rhetoric into action by joining together in support of character education.

Gene A. Bedley, Chief Executive Officer

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Presentation: The Big "R" Responsibility, Elementary Respect, Character Centered Class-rooms, The Difficult Child, Essential Ethics for Teens, Teen Respect, and Character Lessons for Life are seminars presented by Gene Bedley of The National Character Education Center.

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Presentation: Building Character School wide: Creating A Caring Community In Your School prepares school and interested community members for initiating a comprehensive approach in developing successful character-based school improvement leading to increased student achievement. It creates an environment in which positive character traits and behaviors are modeled, internalized and actualized. In addition, it creates understanding, involvement, and support among parents, community leaders, businesses, churches, media, and higher education for school improvement through character education.

Rob Bocchino, Founder

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Presentation: Introduction to Emotional Literacy. In his new book, Rob Bocchino describes tools and skills that add up to a different way of being smart. This workshop will explore what Emotional Literacy is and how we can help students and adults develop the skills of Emotional Literacy. The workshop will explore the teachable strategies for understanding and managing emotions. Specifically, participants will be able to: define the constellation of skills that comprise Emotional Literacy; explain ways that Emotional Literacy supports Character Education; and apply and teach strategies for managing emotions. This is a highly interactive workshop with consistent participant's involvement, using printed workshop materials and hands-on activities.

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Presentation: Can we teach students to internalize virtue? Can we engage their hearts as well as their minds without compromising academic instruction? If you are beginning a character education initiative or have already begun one but wonder how to keep your efforts reflective and dynamic, this session offers a framework for in-house assessment and planning. The Internalizing Virtue Framework outlines four essential components to keeping character education meaningful to students, integral to the curriculum and a vital part of school life.

B. David Brooks, Ph.D., Consultant

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Presentation: This workshop will take the participants through the necessary steps to infuse systematic character education in the school and the classroom. Strategies based on language, and multicultural literature will be highlighted. The three P's for effective implementation of systematic character education will be explored. The three P's are principles, process and practice.

Deb Austin Brown, Character Educator, Elementary Teacher, Author and Trainer

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Presentation: The Character Message: A Call To Excellence. There is excitement, magic, power, and promise in teaching for character! This workshop speaks to the heart as well as the mind. It will have you laughing at one moment and in serious contemplation the next. Deb will take you into her classroom for a look at how the character message is woven into the everyday life of a school. You will come away with tried-and-true classroom ideas and strategies that you can use with the students in your life! You will hear the success stories of students who've applied the character lessons to their own lives to achieve personal and academic excellence. These kid-stories will pull at your heartstrings, inspire and motivate you...and move you to action!

Dr. Willard R. Daggett, President

Dr. Martin J. Marrazzo, Senior consultant

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Presentation: An onsite program that can be tailored to meet the needs of your school or district. Programs can vary from a one-hour presentation to a full day, experiential workshop. Some topics that may be presented include: Addressing the Issue of Character, Six Steps to an Effective Character Education Program and How to Implement a Comprehensive Character-Centered Teaching Program.

Dr. Matthew Davidson, Research Associate

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Presentation: Dr. Davidson speaks to teachers, parents, and community groups on the case for character education and the comprehensive approach to character education. He has presented at national conferences on character education planning and evaluation and has assisted schools in data gathering analysis. Dr. Davidson is available for keynote addresses, staff development workshops and seminars, school and community consultation on the topics

Steve Dixon, Character Educator, Elementary Principal and Author

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Anne C. Dotson, Author, Teacher, Chair/Character-Ethics

Character Press

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Presentation: Is adaptable to needs of school/district. These presentations can include the following: establishing character programming; training students to become future leaders; presentation involving the parents; or adapting the character program to New Jersey standards.

Dr. Maurice Elias, Vice-Chair CASEL Leadership Team

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Presentation: Emotional Intelligence/EQ/Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) refer to the skills that underlie and support the development and enactment of sound character. Working with the Character Education Partnership and the Collaborative to Advance Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), and through his books, <u>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting</u> and <u>Raising Emotionally Intelligent Teenagers</u>, Dr. Elias has worked with schools, parent groups, home-school associations and school districts to plan and implement empirically valid, theoretically sound, practical and enduring Character Education, EQ, SEL, Social Decision Making and Social

Dr. Shirley P. Fisher, Associate Professor and Consultant

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Presentation: Character Education for the New Millennium. This presentation will demonstrate how to develop, implement, and evaluate a program that utilizes an interdisciplinary approach. Some of the areas included in the program are conflict resolution, character education, mentoring programs, and service learning. Handouts will be provided and the participants will be involved in hands-on character education activities.

Dr. Henry Huffman

California University of Pennsylvania Character Education Institute 250 University Avenue, Box 75 California, PA 15419-1394

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Presentation: Presentations range from 45-60 minutes; overviews and workshops range from 3-12 hours sharing a common theme: Character Education is a way of life, not a program. School districts and communities undertaking character education initiatives should develop comprehensive plans that seek to infuse core values into all aspects of the school or community's life.

Ann C. Humphries, SC Year of the Child Hero and producer of award-winning Proud To Be Polite video series presents to faculty in-service on three highly requested and rated programs: 1) 28 Ways to Create a Culture of Service and Courtesy in Your School, 2) 28 Ways to Teach Character, Respect, and Manners, and 3) What Rudeness Costs You and Your School and How to Correct it. These presentations have been keynote and breakout sessions at state and national character conferences

Sally Keener

Character Education Consultant, Teacher, Administrator, Author

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Presentation: On-site workshops for administrators or faculties, individual schools or entire school districts, to facilitate action planning for the enrichment, expansion and goal-based assessment of character education initiatives. Emphasis is on investigating "what have we done and where do we want to go from here with our character education programs?" Workshop provides tools to assess and build character education program frameworks that align with school (district) issues and goals. Hands-on activities provide immediate strategies and action plans that integrate character development into the fabric of school life, course content and academic objectives.

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Presentation: Dr. Kelly's presentation focuses on his newest book <u>Character Education:</u> <u>Natural Law, Human Happiness & Success</u>. Based on the work of Aristotle, William Glasser and Steven Covey, the book and presentation includes a needs assessment instrument to plan and guide implementation.

Dr. Howard Kirschenbaum, Frontier Professor of School, Family and Community Relations

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Presentation: International consultant and author of numerous books on character education, Kirschenbaum presents inspiring keynotes and workshops on: values and character education; modeling character and social responsibility, integrating character education in the curriculum; the administrator's role in character education; comprehensive character-based sex education, and parents and schools working together for students' character development.

Dr. Helen LeGette, Education Consultant

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Presentation: Keynote Address on Character Education may be tailored to fit the needs of the group which may include topics on the why or how of character education, emphasis on motivation and inspiration to undertake the challenge of helping children and youth develop good character. Also offered are three workshops ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 3 hours focusing on the following: Making a Difference: Teachers, Kids, and Character; Parenting for Character; and Nerds, Geeks, Bullies, and Cliques.

Dr. Thomas Likona, Director

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Presentation: This presentation shows how to implement the *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education* developed by the National Character Education Partnership. Lead author of the *Eleven Principles*, Dr. Lickona uses school success stories from around the nation to illustrate the application of these principals at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

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Presentation: CLICK (Comprehensive Learning & Interventions for Correcting Kids) a powerful school discipline program that effectively deals with most student problems. CLICK "blockbuster system" reduced noticeable and quick changes in student behavior through personality profiling, reframing and a unique strategy for changing students' limiting beliefs.

Dr. Eric Schaps, President

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Presentation: Presentations on character education theory, programming and/or research, especially those functioning on building students' "sense of community" in classrooms and schools as a fundamental approach to effective character development.

Dr. Myrna B. Shure, Professor

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E-mail: mshure@drexel.edu Web-site: www.researchpress.com or www.thinkingchild.com Presentation: The presentation will demonstrate a research-based classroom intervention that teaches young children how to think in ways that help them resolve everyday interpersonal problems-skills that prevent and reduce early high-risk behaviors that manifest itself later among our nation's youth. How parents can become involved will also be discussed.

Russell Simon, Principal

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"Being T.R.R.F.C.C. is Elementary" this motivational presentation is based upon "The 6 Pillars of Character Education" - Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. It is stepped in Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and presents a school wide initiative, coupled with easy to implement whole school activities, that focus on the development or enrichment of a sound character education program. Topics covered in the presentation include; getting started, connecting to the school's mission, integrating c character education in the academic curriculum, gaining parent and community support, student involvement, developing and assessment tool, gathering qualitative and quantitative program data, effective and creative funding, and the use of financial, human and other resources. Presentations can be designed for staff in-services, student assemblies, and parent meetings.

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Presentation: Presentations are directed to teachers, students and parents. Teacher presentations range from one hour to all day workshops. All presentations deal with character education-bringing out the best in kids.

Dr. Philip Fitch Vincent, Character Educator, Director and Author

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Presentation: Dr. Vincent is a nationally recognized author, presenter and facilitator in character education. A dynamic presenter with over 500 workshops and 20 books to his name, he will teach your group how to "know, love, and do the good." Imagine...character education using teaching methods already in place in your schools, WITHOUT add-on programs. quantitative measures.

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Presentation: The School for Ethical Education (SEE) teaches strategies to put ethics in action. They encourage learning experiences that foster positive character and advance responsible and caring communities. Program topics include: Building Ethical Communities through Service-Learning; Laws of Life Essay contest; Educating for Character with strategies to teach to the Head, Heart and Hand; Administering classroom meetings that promote character and student resiliency; Developing procedures and rules for moral discipline polices; Integrating character topics into academics or youth curricula; Promoting skills for ethical decision-making; Applying character principles to conflict resolution; Implementing a strategic plan for comprehensive character education; and Planning assessment of character programs with qualitative and quantitative measures.

Chip Wood, Executive Director

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Presentation: The Responsive ClassroomTM approach to Professional Development and Character Education. Character develops in children over time. Like academic achievement, social fluency is an educational process that cannot be rushed or hurried without consequence. This presentation will focus on (1) finding the time for character education, (2) understanding the progression in the development of character. Strategies that have been effective in reducing problem behaviors and increasing social and academic performance in grades K-8 will be highlighted. Chip Wood has been a teacher of children for over thirty years.